



Hampton Beach Area Commission Minutes of meeting 9/26/19

Meeting called to order at 7pm by chair Nancy Stiles followed by the salute to the flag

Present:

Nancy Stiles
Rick Griffin
Dean Merrill
Bob Preston
Chuck Rage
Mike Housman
Bob Ladd
Barbara Kravitz
Jason Bachand
Ann Carnaby

Not present:

Bill Watson

The chair brought greetings after a busy summer.

Public Comment:

L LARSEN, 553 Ocean Blvd expressed concern re: the recent plan for the reconstruction of Ocean Blvd and particularly the section between Boars head and Winnacunnet Rd which has been marked as low priority. She states that the condition of that area was bad and is getting worse in the following ways:

- the crosswalks were removed and not replaced
- the bad stairs were removed & paved over at a dangerously steep slope which people slip & fall from into the street
- the sidewalks are in such poor shape there are more people walking in the road than ever, which is a dangerous situation
- the plan shows parallel parking on both sides but the goal was to add more spaces, which should make them head on parking on one side with a bike lane. Putting this on the residence side makes it very dangerous for residents who would not have adequate visibility to back out of their driveway past the length of parked cars and a bike lane.

N STILES thanked her for her thoughts saying it is good to have someone who lives in the area reporting these issues. She urged the speaker to attend one of the **GACIT** meetings to call attention to this issue and recommend they rethink it., **as well as going onto DOT's website and providing comments for the 10yr plan.**

Adoption of 5/28 minutes moved Barbara Kravitz, second Chuck Rage, vote unanimous with B Preston abstaining as he was absent

Treasurer's report - Housman
current balance is \$7,029.78

Old Business

1. Strategies for Environment sections of planning boardwalk on updating Master Plan
B LADD - wait to see where input is needed

C RAGE - agrees but we should reach out to offer help

R GRIFFIN - states another beach commissioner should be appointed because he can't **continue to serve on the Planning Board's Master Planning Group** going into budget & warrant article development work of the board of selectmen. He praised the process and work being done by the planning board and master planning group, and that there should be constant representation of the HBAC present at each of the meetings which are the first part of the second planning board each month on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm

C RAGE offers, GRIFFIN agrees to be a backup

CARNABY discussed the overview of immediate master plan activity which is the town wide survey to be launched next week to a. involve the town in beginning the "vision" process and to educate the voters re: the need for approving an allocation of funds to provide the expertise help to develop the balance to the master plan for the town.

N STILES discussed raising funds to update the HBAC MPlan - general fundraising discussed included sponsorship by a local eatery or some kind of beach cleanup effort

STILES - so the action will be to continue to think on this

New Business

1. GACIT update - meeting last Monday night

Councilor PRESCOTT understood that it was the entire length from bridge to High St being included now. This was reinforced by Senator Sherman and Rep. Cushing. Rep. Edgar suggested the engineering may be done by next year. STILES thanked them, then asked for 32 million. PRESTON says they have to speak with every hat - eg:all reps, DOT, senators, Parks, the money invested will yield a great return B KRAVITZ reminded that there is another Portsmouth coming up which is another opportunity to reiterate our needs.R PRESTON - some of that money could be taken as a portion of the rooms & meals tax money we bring in each year. R GRIFFIN points out that in Orlando there is a highway with a toll booth every half mile that has paid for that road.

N STILES - there is talk at state about taxing electric cars, now that gasoline consumption is on the decline

2. discussion of trash removal proposal - Tom McGuirk

The trash committee of 17 members has met twice a month for the last 3 months to "talk trash" and develop recommendations for how to deal with the high cost of dealing with the towns' trash.

Aspects discussed:

- 3 issues in one - residents, businesses, condos
- China has increased the cost of recycling
- we've been putting contaminated cardboard on our recycling which makes it more expensive than simply putting it in the trash
- businesses are on board with using fewer glass containers
- separate receptacles for glass well received
- we need several warrant articles for ways of dealing with the issue
- they will be selectman's articles
- reuse of glass collected can be in roadbeds - plus is that a glass liner prevents a road from heaving

NEXT MEETING : Oct 24th

proposed topics:- vote for member at large & officers

- discuss sports betting - may come to 10 towns, so do we want to apply...

Adjourn

8:46 pm moved Bob Preston, second Dean Merrill - unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Carnaby, HBAC assistant